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SUBJECT: NATO REPORT ON WARSAW PACT STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES (MC16

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REF: AMEMBASSY ATHENS 4441

1. REFTEL NOTED ABSENCE IN MC 161/74 OF ANY APPRAISAL OF COMMUNIST STRENGTHS AND ACTIVITY WITHIN NATO COUNTRIES AND QUESTIONED OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO NATO REPORTS DEALING WITH SUBVERSIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

2. MISSION, IN COORDINATION WITH USDELMC, CONSIDERS THIS A VALID POINT AND THAT NEXT YEAR'S EDITION OF THE WARSAW PACT STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES (MC 161/75) WOULD BE A MORE COMPLETE DOCUMENT WITH AN APPRAISAL OF THE ABILITY OF THE WARSAW PACT TO EXPLOIT COMMUNIST STRENGTH WITHIN NATO COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD, THE HALF-YEARLY NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE REVIEWS OF SUBVERSIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL REFERENCE MATERIAL. AS REQUESTED, REFTEL, MISSION WILL POUCH A COPY OF THE LATEST SUCH REVIEW (C-M(74)26) TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS.

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3. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE CONFERENCE FOR MC 161/75 CONCLUDED ON JULY 10, 1974 WITH NO PROVISION TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIST STRENGTH OR ACTIVITY WITHIN NATO NATIONS. HOWEVER, MISSION NOTES THAT TURKEY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF

THE DRAFT POLITICAL SECTION OF MC 161/75 AND THAT NATIONAL INPUTS
ARE DUE BY OCT 31. IF WASHINGTON AGREES TO DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING
A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST STRENGTH AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN
NATO COUNTRIES, THE WASHINGTON CONTRIBUTION TO THIS DRAFT
POLITICAL SECTION MIGHT PROVIDE A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY.
ALTERNATIVELY WE MIGHT SEEK TO HAVE SUCH A PROVISION INCLUDED
IN NEXT YEAR'S TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MC 161/76. ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS. RUMSFELD

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